

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Private First Class Kristian E. Parker.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Private First Class Kristian E. Parker upon his death in the Persian Gulf Theater of Operations.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and the most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death of Private First Class Parker in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker was a native of Slidell, growing up and attending the local schools there; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker was a young man with the promise of a long life and good future before him, taking courses that he hoped would eventually lead to his becoming a nurse anesthetist; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker left behind a loving family, caring friends, and a fiancée that he hoped to start a family with when his duty to his country was complete; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker distinguished himself as a member of the 205th Engineer Battalion as he bravely performed in support of this nation's fight against the forces of terror and oppression in Southwest Asia and exemplified the courageous and

1 brightly shining spirit that has lighted the way for freedom since this country's birth; and

2 WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker will never be forgotten by the people of his
3 community and the friends and family he left behind in Louisiana to travel afar and support
4 the fight for freedom against those determined to harm his country; and

5 WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker will be remembered by those who served with
6 him by his dedication to his country, always placing the needs of his comrades and the
7 success of his mission above his own needs and interests; and

8 WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker will be sorely missed by his mother,
9 Alexandra Parker, his fiancée, friends, and fellow soldiers who knew him and loved him and
10 recalled "he was very proud to be serving this country and was happy to be over there." He
11 felt like he was making a real contribution; and

12 WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker will live on in the hearts of his family,
13 fiancée, friends, and fellow soldiers as a true symbol of the citizen soldier who puts his life
14 on hold as he joins in his country's global initiative to combat the evil forces that would harm
15 his homeland; and

16 WHEREAS, Private First Class Parker was only 23 years old when, on September
17 29, 2003, he succumbed to medical complications associated with cardiac arrest, all who
18 knew him saw him as a person with a heart filled with compassion for others, love for his
19 country, family, fiancée, friends, and fellow soldiers.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
22 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Private First
23 Class Kristian E. Parker.

24 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
25 transmitted to the family of Private First Class Kristian E. Parker.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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